FAL. Tisso.

SIL. Is't so ? *Why,* then say, an old man can do somewhat.

of Shakspeare's days to drink a very large draught of wine, and sometimes a less palatable potation, on *their knees,* to the health of their mistress. He who performed this exploit was dubb'd a *knight* for the evening.

So, in The Yorkshire Tragedy, 1608 : ' They call it knighting in London, when they *drink upon their knees.*—Come follow me; I'll give you all the *degrees* of it in order." MALONE.

7 *Samingo."]* He means to say, *San Domingo.* HANMER.

In one of Nashe's plays, entitled Summer's last Will and Testament, 1600, Bacchus sings the following catch :

" Monsieur Mingo for quaffing doth surpass
" In cup, in can, or glass ;
" God Bacchus, do me right,
" And dub me knight,
" Domingo."

'*Domingo* is only the burthen of the song Again, in The letting of Humours Blood in the Head-vaine: with a new Morisco, daunced by seaven Satyres, upon the Bot-tome of Diogenes Tubbe, 1600:

Epigram I.

" Monsieur *Domingo* is a skilful man,
" For muche experience he hath lately got,
" Proving more phisicke in an alehouse can
" Than may be found in any vintner's pot;
" Beere he protestes is sodden and refin'd,
" And this he speakes, being single-penny lind.

" For when his purse is swolne but sixpence bigge,
" Why then he sweares,—Now by the Lorde I thinke,
" All beere in Europe is not worth a figge;
" A cuppe of clarret is the only drinke.
" And thus his praise from beer to wine doth goe,
" Even as his purse in pence dothe ebbe and flowe."

STEEVENS.

Samingo, that is, *San Domingo,* as some of the commentators have rightly observed. But what is the meaning and propriety of the name here, has not yet been shown. Justice Silence is here introduced as in the midst of his cups: and I remember a black-letter ballad, in which either a *San Domingo,* or a *signior Domingo,* is celebrated for his miraculous feats in drinking. Silence, in the abundance of his festivity, touches upon some old song, in which this convivial *saint* or *signior* was the *burden.* Perhaps too the pronunciation is here suited to the character, T. WARTON.